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 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
 EXAMINING GROUP 1712
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Bomi M. Bilimoria

Application No.: 09/870,442

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE
 HIGH AND LOW SHEAR RHEOLOGY
 OF MINERAL SLURRIES AND THE
 PRODUCTS DERIVED THEREFROM

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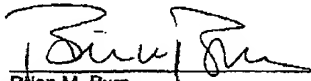
Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to reply to the final Office Action of July 16, 2003. Please charge the extension fee of \$110.00, as well as any additional required fees, to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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